

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

TORRENS FAIL AGAIN, DROP TO FIFTH PLACE

TORRENS fell from third to fifth position on the league football premiership list when they were beaten by Sturt at Unley Oval today. It was Torrens' fourth defeat in a row.

Sturt, West, and Torrens are now level on premiership points, with the double-blues and West in the top four on percentage. West scored an easy win over North today. Norwood and Port maintained their position at the head of the list by defeating Glenelg and South respectively.

Sturt More Accurate

By ROY COLMER

ACCURATE kicking for goal, speed, and superior staying power were the main factors in Sturt's fine win over Torrens. It was a close fight for three quarters, but Sturt raced away in the last term.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Sturt . . .	4-1	9-2	13-3	18-8	116
Torrens . .	4-6	7-8	12-13	13-13	91

Sturt had their accurate kicking for goal in the first half to thank for being within touch. The double-blues scored nine goals straight after opening with a single.

Twice the scores were level in the first half, and the lead changed hands five times.

Sturt were far too good in the run home. Tilley stopped almost every Torrens move and, with the forwards playing fine, open football, Sturt had the game won before Torrens could break through to score.

The game as a whole was a good entertainment, and reached a high standard of football for most of the time.

Goalkickers—Sturt: Pynor (6), Scott (4), Merchant (3), Schober, Cobb (each 2), Cave. Torrens: McInnes, Mehaffey (each 4), Coverlid (2), W. Hank, Pyatt, Hutchinson.

Best Players—Sturt: Merchant, Tilley, Gibson, Scott, Headon, Black, Pynor. Torrens: Mehaffey, McKensie, Bob Hank, Hutchinson, Kinter, Roberts, Glastonbury.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Norwood . .	14	12	2	1,539	1,145	24
Port	14	11	3	1,329	1,037	22
Sturt	14	8	6	1,368	1,183	16
West	14	8	6	1,424	1,270	16
Torrens . . .	14	8	6	1,251	1,143	16
North	14	5	9	1,258	1,435	10
Glenelg . . .	14	2	12	1,196	1,468	4
South	14	2	12	1,043	1,572	4

Leading Goalkickers

	Today	Total
Lehmann (North)	2	63
A. R. McLean (Port)	7	54
Churchett (Glenelg)	5	51
Pynor (Sturt)	6	50
Pryor (South)	1	41
Langiev (Sturt)	—	36
Way (Norwood)	1	34

Redlegs Below Form, But Win

By Colin Hay

NORWOOD did not look a premiership side against Glenelg at Norwood today, but they won by 57 points.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Norwood . .	3-7	8-13	11-13	19-19	133
Glenelg . . .	3-3	4-4	8-10	10-16	76

Glenelg kept with Norwood in the first term, although the breeze was a big factor in their favor.

Robjent gave Way few opportunities, but Drage, who opened as rover, nullified the good work of the Glenelg rucks.

In the second term Norwood gained the break by the backmen keeping in front of their opponents. The redlegs took complete charge of the rucks, where Dalwood outpunched all opposition and unleashed an offensive which Glenelg could not combat.

Norwood left the visitors standing with their brilliant combination after Churchett's goal in the opening burst.

Glenelg struggled valiantly to wipe out a big deficit. Hannaford, at half-back left, was best man on the ground in the third term, and Hasse, on the other half-back flank, was outstanding.

Although trailing, Glenelg were battling hard, and in repeated vigorous exchanges tempers became frayed and there was danger of the game getting out of hand.

Glenelg kept the play in their forward lines, and had six successive

scoring shots (for two goals) without Norwood scoring.

Glenelg, down by 20 points at the last change fought hard, but their forward lines could not overcome the excellent work of Holmesby and LePage. Oatey struck his best form in a forward pocket.

Goalkickers—Norwood: Dalwood (5), Oatey (4), Williams (3), Bell (2), Roads, Drage, Dansie, Burke, Way, Glenelg—Churchett (5), Crabb, Haussen, McPherson, Woollard, Donaldson.

Best Players—Norwood: Holmesby, Drage, LePage, Burke, Dalwood, Bell, Oatey. Glenelg—Robjent, Hasse, Woollard, Hannaford, Hunt, Crabb, Betson.

Smaller Crowds At Matches

THE aggregate attendance at league football games today was 24,915, compared with 25,000 at the corresponding series last year. Figures for games were:—Adelaide Oval 7,415, Unley 8,500, Norwood 5,000, Alberton 4,000.

Captains On The Play . . .

Tilley (Sturt)—We finished the game better. A couple of changes after half-time gave us the edge.

Bob Hank (Torrens)—Sturt had more dash towards the end. If we had kicked better in the first half we might have won.

Bernie Smith (West)—We were far too good for them in almost every position.

Burton (North)—They were too good.

Oatey (Norwood)—Our all-round position play won the game.

Masters (Glenelg)—They were too good, and too strong for us in their skilines.

Quinn (Port)—We were too good all round.

Pryor (South)—A more experienced side beat us easily.

Port Defeat South By 51 Points

By John Stevens

Port Adelaide defeated South by 51 points in a one-sided game at Alberton Oval.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
Port	5-3	14-4	13-9	15-10	100
South	2-2	4-4	6-4	7-7	49

Although there was little doubt about the result, the game was fast and good to watch.

Port Adelaide put the pressure on from the first bell and raced to a handy lead. Souths tried hard at times, but never looked a real threat.

Main interest as far as Port Adelaide were concerned was centred on:—

The success of the rucks despite the absence of Jolly, Fletcher and Bob McLean.

Bob McLean's game at full forward. (He got seven goals.)

The sustained brilliance of the Port men across centre, where Kretschmer, Nicholls, and Greer were rarely beaten.

Deane and Hickinbotham stood out as South's best men. Both battled hard to the finish, in spite of their team's hopeless position.

Growden took some beautiful marks for the magpies while on the ball. So did Marrett, who played one of his best games for the season, if not his best.

With a few exceptions Port men won in every position.

Goalkickers—Port Adelaide: A. R. McLean (7), Dayman (3), Marrett (2), Quinn, Growden, Hubbert. South Adelaide: Deane, Templeton (each 2), Pryor, Brown, Allen.

Best Players—Port: Kretschmer, Greer, Schumann, L. G. McLean, Nicholls, and A. R. McLean. South: Deane, Hickinbotham, Pryor, Ryan, Fraser, and Price.

WEST'S WIN WAS IMPRESSIVE

By Lawrie Jervis, jun.

West mercilessly crushed North at the Adelaide Oval today in a bid for premiership percentage. From the end of the first quarter the result of the match was a foregone conclusion, and West showed form that will make them hard for other teams in the major round.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	5-3	12-7	18-9	28-16	184
North	1-3	2-7	7-11	12-12	84

In the absence of Jack Taylor, Bernie Smith led West. Early West moves went through Broadstock at centre half-forward. Broadstock is a polished footballer. He does with one kick what others take two or three to accomplish.

West moved so well, with every player pulling his weight, that it was hard to pick the best of a good trio—Williams (roving), Burkett (centre), or Paehse (centre half-back).

For North it was a problem to say who served them best. Arbon roved well in patches, and Ian McKay, at centre half-back, did better than Broadstock. Jeff Pash showed most of his teammates how to make use of kicks.

Best Players—West: Burkett, Williams, Paehse, O'Donoghue, Zeuner, Lewis, Sutherland, North: McKay, Arbon, Pash, Kennedy, Cox, Pederson, O'Leary.

Goalkickers—West: Braidwood, Zeuner (each 6), Williams (5), Cannon, Lewis, Broadstock (each 3), Sutherland, Atkins. North: Coulls (3), Beeching, Arbon, Lehmann (each 2), Pash, Griffin, Nicholls.